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Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:
[redacted] Idlewood Dr Waveland, Ms

We are now living at: Fema Trailer
Address: [redacted] Idlewood Dr
City Waveland State MS Zipcode 39576
Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:
James & Dorothy [redacted]

Our Katrina experience was:
My family was blessed because we lost no family member in the storm. However there was great loss of property. James & I left town for the storm to stay at my mom's house, south of Jackson. My mother-in-law - (James' mom) & sister-in-law were urged by all of us to leave their home in (over)

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:
Whatever Santa would like to give anything is appreciated. We lost appliances, TV, furniture, etc. Our clothes were saved & we have a new washer & Dryer. We are blessed. Please help others who lost everything.

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to: (Rec'd Dec 6th)

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

Clermont Harbor. They lived in the family home, which was round, built like a fortress, & had weathered many hurricanes - even Camille. The home was a landmark in Clermont Harbor. They didn't want to come with us to my mom's and felt very safe in our Idlewood Home two miles from the beach. We had never had water in our home.

As the storm came, Mary & Celia (mom-in law & sis-in law) watched the trees fall in our yard & water rise to over 5 ft or more. They went to 2nd floor & were ready to go in to the attic as they watched the waters rise (Mary is 80 yrs old). There were people that died in our neighborhood from drowning. After the water went down they walked from the house & found other family members. They said they could hear our cars in the garage bouncing on the ceiling & the alarm going off.

James & I were in Silver Creek and were in shock over the severity of the storm. It was a couple of days before we were notified that Mary and Celia & other members of James' family that were ~~on the~~ in Bay St Louis & Waveland had survived. We were relieved & joyful. We also heard that the family home in Clermont was completely destroyed & our home in Waveland had the first floor destroyed by floodwaters.

We are praying for our mayors & leaders of the Gulf Coast as rebuilding takes place. Our prayers are for the victims to find hope in the midst of the chaos. That God will replace "beauty for ashes & the oil of joy for mourning." We are survivors and grateful to have what really counts: our lives & our loved ones.